



REPLY TO THE
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Headquarters, 299th Brigade Support Battalion
2d Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Infantry Division
Camp Liberty
APO AE 09344



November 23, 2010

Battalion Command Team

Dear Families and Friends of the Lifeline Battalion,

A little more than nine years ago, the United States suffered a great loss when we were attacked on 11 September 2001, beginning the longest period of sustained conflict in our nation's history. We have begun the last deployment of a brigade – the Dagger Brigade – into Baghdad and effectively end the United States' participation in the war in Iraq. Your loved ones, as Soldiers of the Lifeline Battalion, are taking part in a historic chapter of the United States. They are making a difference in the lives of the Iraqis, have secured our nation's borders, and will allow Soldiers that follow in their footsteps to spend more time at home than away.

The Soldiers of the Lifeline Battalion are the best equipped, and as our training rotation at Fort Polk proved, best trained and most adaptable Soldiers in the world. This next 12 months will be ripe with challenges as we support the Dagger Brigade, provide assistance to the capable police and military forces of Iraq, and help the United States draw down its personnel and equipment in Iraq in a responsible manner.

We know this letter is of little condolence for the year you will spend away from your loved ones. What we can tell you is that we will do our best to take care of each Soldier in the Lifeline Battalion, that the life that every member of this battalion has chosen for themselves gives back more to this country than it can ever repay, and that they are indeed making a difference. We are honored to be their command team.

We know the Soldiers of this great battalion could not serve without the support of each and every one of you. Thanking you is not enough, but we do – and salute you for your service as well. Feel free to contact the Lifeline Rear Detachment if you have any concerns and please use the resources available to follow the exploits of our great Soldiers. On www.facebook.com please search for 299 BSB/Lifeline and 299th Brigade Support Battalion.

Sincerely,

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